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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

DIME et al.

Application No.: 09/367,794

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For: SITE-SPECIFIC DRUG
DELIVERY

Examiner: Kam, Chih Min

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1653

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 6, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A response to the action was due on June 6, 2003. As such, a two-month extension of time and a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) are being submitted concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendment to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.